line as Rs. 27.57 crores with a Rate of return of 0.44%. The survy report is presently under examination in consultation with the Zonal Railway. Further consideration of the project would be possible on the results are finalised.

Dharmavaram-Pakala is a Metre Gauge line. Gauge Conversion of this line to BG has been approved which would be taken up after obtaining the requisite clearance. The conversion would nearly double the capacity of the line since capacity of Broad Gauge is almost twice that of Metre Gauge. Doubling of the converted Broad Gauge is section would be considered if the level of traffic so warrants.

(b) The budgetary allocations provided during 2000-2001 for the above projects are as under :

(i) Gudur-Renigunta doubling-Rs. 17 crores.

(ii) Dharmavaram-Pakala gauge conversion-Rs. 0.10 crore.

(c) Target for completion of these projects has not yet been fixed. However, 25 km. of Gudur-Renigunta doubling are targeted for completion during 2000-2001.

Ticketless and Without Reservation Travel in Trains

4402. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) Whether it is a fact that large mobs frequently enter trains in Andhra Pradesh without tickets or reservations, putting genuine passengers to great difficulties;

(b) whether such a phenomenon frequently occurs in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether the railways monitor such crowds which have the intention of travelling without tickets and also harass and remove genuine passengers;

(d) whether it is a fact that the railway authorities remain mute spectators in such situations; and

(e) what steps are proposed to ensure that all station masters sound an adequate alert to ensure that law and order is maintained ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) : (a) and (b) There are some case where the supporters and volunteers of some organisations forcibly enter the trains in

large number to participate in rallies and meeting. Exact quantification of such incidents is difficult and State-wise figures are not maintained.

(c) to (e) Special intelligence about any probable interference with smoth running of trains is collected and concerned authorities are informed and adequate steps are taken in association with police to manage such situations. At times, it becomes difficult for the railways and the Government Railway Police to control the situation. Zonal railways have been advised to collect intelligence about the likely activities of various organisations and take preventive measures and also share the information with police.

Stoppage of Rajdhani Express at Jaleswar

4403. DR. M. N. DAS : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) Whether it has come to the notice of Government that the last several years Railway blockade is resorted to at regular intervals by the people, demanding stoppage of the New-Delhi Bhubaneswar, Rajdhani Express at Jaleswar Railway station; and

(b) if so, the reasons for total indifference of the Railways Authorities towards the public demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Survey for Veraval-Kodinar Rail Line

4404. DR. A.K. PATEL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Gujarat Labour Welfare Board has completed their survey between Veraval-Kodinar;

(b) if so, whether they have written to him for laying Veraval-Somnath-Kodinar rail line;

(c) whether the State Minister of Railways said that due to construction of Rajkot-Veraval rail line, the work of Veraval-Kodinar rail line would be taken up next financial year;

(d) if so, the date from which the work would start and completed; and

(e) the estimated cost of rail line?